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Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis



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November 1 -- Angelus in Malmö (Pastoral Visit) --Translated conclusion (November 1, 2016, Malmö, Sweden, Vatican.va).

In our life, we are not alone; we have the constant help and companionship of the Virgin Mary. Today she stands before us as first among the saints, the first disciple of the Lord. We flee to her protection and to her we present our sorrows and our joys, our fears and our aspirations. We put everything under her protection, in the sure knowledge that she watches over us and cares for us with a mother's love.

November 1 -- Homily Mass in Malmö (Pastoral Visit) --Translated conclusion (November 1, 2016, Malmö, Sweden, Vatican.va).

To our heavenly Mother, Queen of All Saints, we entrust our intentions and the dialogue aimed at the full communion of all Christians, so that we may be blessed in our efforts and may attain holiness in unity.

November 1 -- Pope Francis' In-Flight Presser from Sweden (Pastoral Visit) --Translated extract (November 1, 2016, Catholicnewsagency.com).

I ask myself: who is most important in theology and in the mystic of the Church: the apostles or Mary on the day of Pentecost? It's Mary!

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/full-text-pope-francis-in-flight-presser-from-sweden-66035/>

November 4 – Pope's Homily for Deceased Cardinals –Translated conclusion (November 4, 2016, Zenit.org).

May our Mother Mary watch over them as well as over us and obtain for us that “we may never be separated “from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord” (Romans 8:39).

November 5 – Pope to Popular Movements (Audience) --Translated conclusion (November 5, 2016, Vatican.va).

Never forget that Jesus, Mary and Joseph also experienced the dramatic condition of refugees.

November 6 – Jubilee of Mercy: Jubilee for the Prisoners (Homely) –Translated conclusion (November 6, 2016, Vatican.va).

Today we venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary in this statue, which represents her as a Mother who holds Jesus in her arms, together with a broken chain; it is the chain of slavery and imprisonment. May Our Lady look upon each of you with a Mother's love. May she intercede for you, so that your hearts can experience the power of hope for a new life, one worthy of being lived in complete freedom and in service to your neighbor.

November 6 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (November 6, 2016, Vatican.va).

May the Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, confirm us in the hope of resurrection and help us to make fruitful in good works her Son's word sown in our hearts.

November 7 – Pope Thanks RENATE (Religious in Europe Networking against Trafficking and Exploitation: Audience) --Translated conclusion (November 7, 2016, Vatican.va).

Commending you, and all those whom you serve, to the loving intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, I cordially impart my blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord.

November 10 -- Pope's Address to Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (Plenary assembly) --Translated conclusion (November 10, 2016, Zenit.org).

May the Lord bless you and Our Lady protect you.

November 12 – Message to Participants in the 31st International Conference on Rare Pathologies -- (November 14, 2016, Vatican.va).

Let us ask the Most Holy Mary, Health of the sick, to make the deliberations of this conference of yours bear fruit. To her we entrust the commitment to making increasingly human that service which, every day, the various professional figures of the world of health perform for suffering people

November 13 -- Angelus -- Translated conclusion (November 13, 2016, Vatican.va).

Let us pray to the Virgin Mary that she may help us, through the happy and sad events of this world, to firmly maintain hope in eternity and in the Kingdom of God. Let us pray to the Virgin Mary, that she may help us deeply understand this truth: that God never abandons his children!

November 15 -- Pope's Homily at Mass with Pilgrims from Netherlands ("Dutch Day" of the Jubilee of Mercy) --Translated conclusion (November 15, 2016, Zenit.org).

I entrust you and the whole Church of the Low Countries to the maternal protection of Mary Most Holy, Mother of Mercy

November 17-- Address to the Members of the Representative Council and Personnel of "Caritas Internationalis" --Translated conclusion (November 17, 2016, Vatican.va).

Commending you to the intercession of Mary our heavenly Mother, I willingly implore the Lord's blessing upon you and all those who support you in your work.

November 20 – Holy Mass for the Closing of the Jubilee of Mercy --Translated conclusion (November 20, 2016, Vatican.va).

May our Blessed Lady accompany us, she who was also close to the Cross, she who gave birth to us there as the tender Mother of the Church, who desires to gather all under her mantle. Beneath the Cross, she saw the good thief receive pardon, and she took Jesus' disciple as her son. She is Mother of Mercy, to whom we entrust ourselves: every situation we are in, every prayer we make, when lifted up to his merciful eyes, will find an answer.

November 20 – Angelus --Translated conclusion (November 20, 2016, Vatican.va).

May the Virgin Mary help us all to keep heart and to render fruitful the spiritual gifts of the Jubilee of Mercy.

November 20 – Apostolic Letter "Misericordia et misera" – Translated conclusion (November 20, 2016, Vatican.va).

22. The Holy Mother of God always looks upon us with her eyes of mercy. She is the first to show us the way and to accompany us in our witness of love. As she is often shown in works of art, the Mother of Mercy gathers us all under the protection of her mantle. Let us trust in her maternal assistance and follow her perennial counsel to look to Jesus, the radiant face of God's mercy.

November 22 -- Pope Francis Has Decided on the Themes for the Next Three WYDs -- Translated extract (November 22, 2016, Vatican.va).

Pope Francis has chosen the themes for the next three World Youth Days: for the 32nd World Youth Day in 2017, "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name" (Lk 1:49); for the 33rd World Youth Day in 2018, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God" (Lk 1:30); and for the 34th World Youth Day, 2019, "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:30)...The three themes announced above are intended to give a clear Marian tone to the spiritual journey of the next three WYDs.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2016/11/22/161122A.html>

November 25 – Pope’s Video Message to Festival of Church’s Social Doctrine in Verona – Translated extract (November 25, 2016, Zenit.org).

To resolve the problems of the people... We can find the answer by looking to Mary. She is a servant, humble and merciful, she journeys with us, she is concrete. She never takes centre stage but hers is a constant presence. If we look to Her, we find the best way of being in the midst of the people. Looking to Her, we can all follow human paths without fear or prejudice, and with Her we can become capable of not excluding anyone.

November 27 – Angelus – Translated Conclusion (November 27, 2016, Vatican.va).

May Our Lady, the Virgin of Advent, help us not to consider ourselves proprietors of our life, not to resist when the Lord comes to change it, but to be ready to let ourselves be visited by him, the awaited and welcome guest, even if it disturbs our plans.

November 27 – Message for the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Translated Conclusion (November 27, 2016, Vatican.va).

Mary Most Holy, the Mother of our Savior, had the courage to embrace this ideal, placing her youth and her enthusiasm in God’s hands. Through her intercession, may we be granted that same openness of heart, that same readiness to respond, “Here I am”, to the Lord’s call, and that same joy in setting out (cf. Lk 1:39), like her, to proclaim him to the whole world.

November 28 – Telegram for the Death of Fidel Castro --Translated conclusion (November 28, 2016, Radiovaticana.va).

I entrust the whole Cuban people to the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, patroness of that country.

November 28 – Pope’s Message to Religious Orders Regarding Their Finances -- Translated conclusion (November 28, 2016, Zenit.org).

May the Lord bless you and the Holy Virgin look after you.

November 29 --‘Fear of the Lord’ Isn’t about Being Afraid, Says Pope in Morning Homily -- Translated extract (November 29, 2016, Zenit.org).

The Holy Father praised Mary’s humility, as a girl who receives the gift of God’s son and then goes immediately to serve her cousin, saying nothing about what has happened.

November 30 – Pray God for the Living and the Dead -- (General Audience) –Translated extract (November 30, 2016, Zenit.org).

It makes us ponder what happened on Good Friday, when the Virgin Mary, along with John and several women were near Jesus' Cross.